

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of the Claims**

1-3 Canceled.

4. (Currently Amended): A promoter of  $\alpha$ -amylase derived from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, wherein the promoter has a sequence of Sequence ID No. 1 that has a restriction site for BamHI in the 3' terminus.

5-8. Canceled.

9. (Previously Presented): An expression cassette having the promoter sequence according to claim 4.

10. (Previously Presented): An expression vector, wherein a gene encoding a protein is inserted into the BamHI restriction site of the expression cassette of claim 9.

11-14. Canceled.

15. (Previously Presented): A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to claim 10.

16. (Previously Presented): A method for producing protein comprising the step of culturing the recombinant microorganism according to claim 15.

17-30. Canceled.

31. (Currently Amended): A promoter of  $\alpha$ -amylase derived from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, wherein the promoter has a sequence of ID No. 2 that has restriction sites for BamHI, SmaI, KpnI, SacI and EcoRI in this order from 5' end in the 3' terminus.

32. (Previously Presented): An expression cassette having the promoter sequence according to claim 31.

33. (Previously Presented): An expression vector, wherein a gene encoding a protein is inserted into one of the restriction sites of the expression cassette of claim 32.

34. (Previously Presented): A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to claim 33.

35. (Previously Presented): A method for producing a protein comprising the step of culturing the recombinant microorganism according to claim 34.